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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATIONS AT US EMBASSY APRIL 14, 1978

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1. AT ABOUT 0900 LOCAL TIME, APRIL 14, APPROXIMATELY 80 MEN RAN OUT OF A TOURIST BUS WHICH HAD PULLED UP IN FRONT OF ENTRANCE TO EMBASSY PARKING LOT. SIXTY ENTERED THE CHANCERY LOBBY AND SHOUTED SLOGANS OPPOSING US BUGGING OF THE BLUE HOUSE FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES. MARINE GUARDS STATE THAT AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS OF GROUP ENTERED AN ELEVATOR AND ATTEMPTED TO GO UPSTAIRS. THEY WERE FRUSTRATED WHEN ELECTRIC POWER TO THE ELEVATORS WAS TURNED OFF.

2. DEMONSTRATORS SHOUTED SLOGANS IN LOBBY OF EMBASSY AND SCATTERED BILINGUAL LEAFLETS PRINTED WITH THE FOLLOWING SLOGANS:

WE CONDEMN THE UNITED STATES' IMMORAL BUGGIN ACTS.

RESPECT OTHERS' SOVEREIGNTY, IF YOUR OWN IS PRECIOUS.

WE FERVENTLY HOPE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN KOREA AND AMERICA.

THE UNITED STATES, (OUR) ALLY IN BLOOD, RESPECT

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KOREA'S SOVEREIGNTY.

CLARIFY THE FACTS OF THE BUGGING BY HAVING FORMER AMBASSADOR PORTER APPEAR.

UNITED STATES, BECOME (OUR) PERMANENT FRIEND.

THEY ALSO HELD ALOFT PLACARDS, TWO OF WHICH READ IN KOREAN

"IS BUGGING WAR FRIENDSHIP FORGED IN BLOOD?" AND "IS

BUGGING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS?". LEAFLETS

SCATTERED ABOUT EMBASSY LOBBY IDENTIFY GROUP AS KOREA
ANTI-COMMUNIST YOUTH ASSOCIATION (TAEHAN PAN'GONG
CH'ONGNYON-HOE).

3. KOREAN NATIONAL POLICE (KNP) ENTERED EMBASSY
COMPOUND AT INVITATION OF RSO AND REPORT ARRESTING
60 INDIVIDUALS. EMBOFF OBSERVING FROM EIGHTH FLOOR
NOTED THAT TOUR BUS WHICH BROUGHT GROUP WAS ACCOMPANIED
BY TWO LOOK-OUTS ON MOTORCYCLES. SOME OF DEMONSTRATORS
WER OBSERVED LEAVING COMPOUND AND BOARDING TOUR BUS,
WHICH DROVE OFF BEFORE RIOT POLICE ARRIVED FROM
STAKEOUT AROUND CORNER JUST OUTSIDE EMBASSY WALL. AT
LEAST ONE DEMONSTRATOR SUBSEQUENTLY WAS OBSERVED ESCAPING
FROM POLICE CUSTODY. SECURITY OFFICER REPORTS KNP HAVE
WARNED OF POSSIBILITY OF FOUR MORE DEMONSTRATIONS TODAY
(FRIDAY).

4. DETAILS CONCERNING SECURITY ASPECTS OF DEMONSTRATION
REPORTED SEPTEL.

5. DCM CALLED ASSISTANT MINISTER OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS,
FOREIGN MINISTRY, YI MUN-YONG, AND REGISTERED STRONG
PROTEST OVER A) FACT THAT DEMONSTRATION HAD OCCURRED,
AND B) FACT THAT GROUP HAD BEEN PERMITTED TO ENTER CHANCERY
COMPOUND.

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